

## The Weekly Ledger

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### SPENDING THE

**PEOPLE'S MONEY**  
THE present day is one in which the people have a fuller understanding of the principles of government than in any other period of history. The matter of efficiency at the lowest cost is the dominant note in the budget of all governments whether they be national, state or city. Public money should be spent just as judiciously as private funds. The merchant watches for "leaks" and eliminates them. As a taxpayer he expects the men who have charge of his contributions for the maintenance of government to show the same business acumen. The move to consolidate the offices of city engineer and street commissioner in Mexico is a step toward placing the city of Mexico on a real business basis. It should meet with the approval of every business man because it is in accord with the principles upon which he conducts his own affairs.

THE Columbia Herald Statesman editorially says: "A few good people in Louisiana, Mo., are trying to secure the services of Evangelist Arthur E. Smith for a revival meeting. We hope they will succeed. Current events in the past few weeks indicate the need for such a meeting and we believe Burch can wake up that old river town."

THERE are a good many splendid stallions in Audrain County, but as we have stated before, if Mexico expects to keep up its reputation as the horse center of the world we must have one or two blue ribbon sires. We must not only have a horse that will be shown in the best company in the world, but one that we can count on to carry off the honors. Our reputation, national and you might say international, along this line can't be maintained by hot air.

**COL. J. T. JOHNSON'S** sale, amounting to more than \$12,500, was a splendid success, miles of all kinds bringing good prices. Mr. Johnson says that the report that times are hard in this part of the country is clearly without foundation as bidders were present from all parts of Audrain and adjoining counties, and showed their ability to buy by very prompt and satisfactory bidding on stock.

THE Columbia Herald Statesman editorially says: "The county court of Audrain county will undertake to build a new jail by using a part of the surplus revenue of the county for that purpose. Most counties in the state have no surplus revenues these days and would, therefore be unable to adopt that method of getting new jails. The fact is, a majority of our counties have been running behind in their revenue fund and have to practice all forms of economy in order to carry on the business of the county within the means at command."

**FATHER COFFEY** of St. Louis, well known in Mexico, made some pointed remarks in an address in St. Louis last week, from which we extract the following pertinent statements.

Call the police if a young man insists on marrying instantly.

The gigantic evil of divorce, the curse of the social evil—most of these may be traced to the instantaneous mating process of human beings.

The fools who marry on a dare, or while under the influence of strong drink, are flying into the face of their Maker.

True love is never blind, because it insists upon the guidance of reason.

You might just as well hitch up with the devil, as with a person with whom morality is a joke.

If you seek a partner for life from mercenary motives, you will get only what money brings.

LOSING HOPE

WOMAN VERY ILL

Finally Restored To Health

By Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Bellevue, Ohio.—"I was in a terrible state before I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. My back ached until I thought it would break, I had pains all over me, nervous feelings and periodic troubles. I was very weak and run down and was losing hope of ever being well and strong. After taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I improved rapidly and today am a well woman. I cannot tell you how happy I feel and I cannot say too much for my Compound. It would not be without it in the house if it cost three times the amount."—Mrs. CHAS. CHAPMAN, R. F. D. No. 7, Bellevue, Ohio.

**Woman's Precious Gift.**

The one which she should most zealously guard, is her health, but it is the one most often neglected, until some ailment peculiar to her sex has fastened itself upon her. When so affected such women may rely upon Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, a remedy that has been wonderfully successful in restoring health to suffering women.

If you have the slightest doubt that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will help you, write to Lydia E. Pinkham, Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass., for advice. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman, and held in strict confidence.

## Brick For Sale!

Hard burned, semi vitrified Building Brick, the best brick on earth for walling wells, foundations and other masonry work. Made out of Mexico clays by Mexico labor.

**Prices Right**  
**Large Stock**  
**on Hand**  
**MEXICO BRICK & FIRE CLAY CO.**

"Better To Be Safe Than Sorry"

### Real INSURANCE

Our old reliable fire insurance companies are time tried and fire tested.

You know the name of your piano or automobile, but do you know the name of the fire insurance company you are insured in?

Six out of every seven fire insurance companies either fail or retire from business. While you are getting, get the best.

### Ricketts & Whitney

"THE ABSTRACTERS"

Real Estate — Loans — Insurance

Mexico, Mo.

### KANSAS DRY FIGURES

PROVE THEIR CASE

Albany, N. Y., March 11.—That much mooted question, "what has prohibition done for Kansas" came up yesterday at the hearing on the Wilson state-wide prohibition bill, and after that all others were dropped. Statistics and letters were presented to prove either that under dry law Kansas has prospered or suffered immeasurably.

A letter from Joseph Debar of Cincinnati, secretary of the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association, conveyed the impression that prohibition had proved a bad thing for the state. The general purport of his letter was that homicide, pauperism, divorce and insanity were on the increase there, while church membership was falling off.

As soon as Mr. Debar's letter had been read the floor was taken by Gordon H. Payne, who was ready to refute the charges Mr. Debar made. He read a letter from Gov. Arthur Capper of Kansas, which painted a radiant picture of Kansas dry.

Forty-eight Kansas counties sent no prisoners to the state penitentiary last year, the letter said; eighty-seven had no insane patients and a dozen have not had a criminal case in ten years. And as for pauperism, declared the governor, it is unknown in many localities; the death rate is the lowest in the world and Kansas is the wealthiest people per capita in the whole United States.

### U. S. TAKES ACTION

Washington, D. C., March 13th.—Secretary Bryan made no comment on the murder of John B. McManus in the City of Mexico, beyond revealing what steps had been taken by the United States government. The Brazilian minister has instructions to see that punishment is inflicted on the offender without delay. Beyond this and the arrangement for an indemnity to be paid the family, it was not believed the American government would go for the present.

The incident was regarded by high officials as an isolated case arising out of personal difficulties between McManus and the Zapata forces, and not due to any general antipathy toward foreigners or intended attack on them as a whole.

E. C. Kennen, of Ladonia, was in this city, on legal business, Friday.

W. CLYDE JOHNSON, who has made Audrain County a splendid county superintendent of school, will be a candidate for re-election.

Don't fall into love. Go it slowly. It isn't love that makes young people marry on the spur of the moment; it's delusion, delirium.

THE members of the city council unanimously voted for the adoption of the local option ordinance to enforce the "dry" law, and will be forced cordially co-operating with Mayor Dry in every movement in the direction of efficiency and economy in the administration of local affairs. The members of the city council are interested in the growth and prosperity of Mexico and appreciate the importance of an efficient economical city government.

A Y. M. C. A. BUILDING is one of the most important enterprises now being considered by the people of Mexico. Mexico is getting big enough for an enterprise of this kind, and the atmosphere is in line with a movement in this direction. We have a hospital and a free public library, and a Y. M. C. A. building with a gymnasium would round out the activities of the civic life. We are glad to know that some of Mexico's most earnest and progressive citizens are considering this important matter.

REFERRING to the office of lieutenant-governor of Missouri, the Independent Missouri Examiner closes a most admirable editorial complimenting Gov. Painter on his administration by saying: "William R. Painter, Lieutenant Governor of Missouri, has so conducted himself while in office, has exhibited such tact and fairness as presiding officer of the senate and has attended to his job in such a way, that the office of Lieutenant Governor is not now just a little second hand sinecure."

## Forty-Five Attend High School Lunch Thursday

Another get-together meeting of fathers of high school students and business men was held at the McMillan high school building, Thursday afternoon. Thirty young ladies of the Domestic Science Department of the high school under the direction of Miss Archie Cook prepared and served a most delicious dinner, which was highly praised by all who were present. Forty-five men took advantage of the opportunity to get in closer touch with the schools of this city and a number of those who were there live in the country but have children in the high school.

Superintendent Pryor made a short talk on the student activities and the schools in general, paying a very high tribute to the high school faculty, which he said was the very best obtainable. Dr. J. W. Millen made an interesting talk in which he said he was for Mr. Pryor, no matter what the superintendent wanted to improve the schools. He spoke of the splendid opportunities offered by the schools of today to fit boys and girls for the lines of work they intend to follow and stated the schools of Missouri had made more progress in the last twenty years than any other state in these United States.

Other talks along this line of educational advancement were made by J. W. Plunkett Dr. W. L. Reed, Judge J. A. Guthrie, I. M. Richards, J. E. Fish and R. O. Bromagim. On motion of Mr. Fish a vote of thanks was extended the school board, Superintendent Pryor, Miss Cook and the young ladies who prepared the dinner.

Those present at the dinner were: R. O. Bromagim, Rev. Culbertson, Ed Machin, J. M. Ward, L. Silverstein, W. G. Wilkins, J. W. Squires, Dr. W. L. Reed, Philip Shire, Sr., Dr. N. E. Rodes, M. S. Bland, A. H. Williams, H. A. Precht, Ross Cauthorn, I. M. Richards, J. F. Dorgan, J. W. Plunkett, F. A. Sannabeck, R. M. Painter, Rev. F. D. Watson, Walter Squires, J. H. Salter, Wm. P. Smith, M. W. Beamer, S. P. Emmons, B. F. Haskell, John E. Fish, Dr. T. H. Winans, C. J. Powell, George Nardin, Walter Campbell, Dr. J. W. Millen, L. R. Ferris, John Wayne, J. J. Wakefield, A. R. Fry, E. B. Street, Herbert Pryor, W. J. O'Futt, T. L. Marshall, Fred W. Pilcher, J. A. Guthrie, J. B. Culbertson, H. D. Llewellyn, Syd Houston.

## WIDE TIED WAGONS

THE BEST AFTER ALL

A few years William Pollock, of this city, invented and patented a lap-tied wagon of more than ordinary width. Mr. Pollock contended that if all the farmers would use his wagon the road would be beaten down and smoothed instead of cut-up and rutted as they are by the ordinary narrow tire wagon. Mr. Pollock did not ask any money for his invention but his purpose was purely philanthropic. The following from the Kansas Industrialist showing the efficiency of the wide-tied wagon upholds Mr. Pollock's contention.

"Wide-tied wagons pull more easily than narrow-tired ones 90 per cent of the times when they are used," says F. A. Wirt, instructor in farm mechanics in the Kansas State Agricultural College. Professor Wirt has just completed experiments with wide and narrow-tired wagons.

Narrow tires pull harder than wide tires, says Professor Wirt, because the narrow tire cuts deeper into the top soil. The wide tire does not cut so deep and makes a better track on the ground which is traveled while the roads are soft. The wide tire packs the surface into a firm roadbed.

The experiments show that in corn fields, plowed fields, field lanes and on pasture and on alfalfa land the draft of the wide tire is considerably less, no matter what the conditions of the soil.

When Narrow Tire Is Best.

In places where the mud is deep and rolls up on the wheels, in ruts made by narrow wheels, or in a surface of mud with a hard ground beneath, the narrow tire will pull more easily. The narrow wheel fits the rut, and the hard bottom of which it runs, and it collects less mud than the wide tire.

Width of tire and height of wheel have a great effect upon the draft. The usual width of the narrow tire is one and three-fourths inches, while the wide tire is usually three or four inches wide. The tires used on the tests were one and three-fourths and four inches wide respectively. Six-inch wheels are used only on low trucks. One type of wheel rarely found is the low wheel with narrow tire. The draft with this is so great that a team can hardly pull a load in soft field surfaces.

How To Select Wagon.

A farmer who can afford only one wagon will find many factors entering into his selection. If he has to go on the roads in all kinds of weather, he will find the narrow tires better because they will collect less mud when the roads are bad. On the other hand, if he goes only when the roads are good, or uses the wagon in the fields a great deal, he will find the wide tire will be preferred because of the lighter draft and less damage to the fields.

One of the main points in favor of the wide tire is that their use greatly improves the roadbed, as they will pack the top soil, making the roadbed firm and thus enabling it to drain well in time of rain. The wide tire will not cut up the meadow or field as does the narrow tire. This is also important, as a smooth surface in the meadow is much easier to mow over.

## TO TALK ON JOURNALISM

Mitchell White, editor of the Mexico Ledger and Ovid Bell, editor of the Fulton Gazette, have been requested to speak before Sigma Delta Chi, a professional fraternity in the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri on their newspaper experience, especially on country journalism.

These lectures are the first of a series planned to interest newspaper men of Missouri in the work of the School of Journalism and to present to the fraternity the views of older newspaper men.—University Missouriian.

## Entertained With Dance

The Eagles entertained with a most delightful dance at their hall, Wednesday evening. A number of the Eagles with their lady friends spent a most enjoyable evening. The music was furnished by a four piece orchestra.

## For Superintendent of Schools

J. E. Wilson, Superintendent of the Martinsburg Public School is a candidate for Superintendent of Schools of Audrain County subject to the regular school elections which will be held Tuesday, April 6th.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Office of North Missouri Trust Company, March 22, 1915.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the North Missouri Trust Company for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before it will be held at the place of the business of the Company, on the North Side of the Public Square, in Mexico, Mo., Monday, March 22nd, 1915, between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 12 a. m. of the same day.

W. W. Pollock, President.

J. C. Mundy, Sec'y.

## WOULD LOCATE FACTORY

HERE FOR THE SITE

Irving Davis, of Kirksville, who desires to establish a metal pressing factory here for the manufacture of tanks and cornices has conferred with architect Ben Elliott of this city regarding the securing of a site for his factory in Mexico. He would employ 15 men at least and run most of the year.

The Chicago and Alton railroad, through Mr. J. E. Fish, assured the Commercial Club, last year, that they would let them have factory sites on some of their property in Mexico for a small rental yearly. The expense, as Mr. Fish spoke of it, would be purely nominal.

From what Mr. Elliott says Mr. Davis desires only a site to place his plant on. The Davis plant furnished the cornices for the Hardin college gymnasium and the Masonic building. The Commercial Club will take the matter up with Mr. Davis at once.

## Free Band Concert

Col. E. Y. Burton, of Missouri Military Academy, announced, Friday, that the cadet band will give a free concert at the McMillan auditorium sometime in April so the citizens of Mexico can see what progress is being made.

Kenneth Kennen, of Ladonia, attended Court in Mexico, Friday.

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HEAD OF THE B. P. O. E.

The annual election of B. P. O. E. Elks lodge, No. 919, of this city, was held Friday evening. W. W. Fry, Jr., was elected Exalted Ruler. Dr. H. L. Turley, Exalted Leading Knight; Dr. Dennis Moore, Exalted Loyal Knight; T. J. Williams, Exalted Lecturing Knight; S. J. Burns, secretary; L. T. McCue, treasurer; Voorheis Coons, Tyler, Trustee for two years; L. M. White, J. E. Strief, the retiring Exalted Ruler, was elected delegate to the annual meeting which is held in Los Angeles, this year. L. B. Hawthorne was elected alternate. There were 155 members present and much interest was taken in the election.

The meeting for the installation of officers will be in April and the event will be marked by a smoker and lunch.

## FARM BUREAU TO BE

CONTINUED HERE

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Among the leaders in the organization there is a feeling that a man should be secured to continue Mr. Rusk's term of office here which is for one year longer. What will be done along this line cannot be said at this time. Those who are familiar with the work and its accomplishments under the present management trust this move will be possible.

Even should no man be secured there in the organization believe its maintenance is necessary and that much can be done through organization that otherwise would be impossible. In the matter of fighting hog cholera alone it would more than pay for what little expense was incurred.

## DEMOCRATIC LOVE FEAST

AT JEFF. CITY, MARCH 13

A genuine old-fashioned Democratic love feast is to be held in Jefferson City, March 13. Every Democrat in Missouri is cordially invited to attend and no excuses will be accepted by the committee in charge for failure to be there. The occasion is the appearance here of Honorable James Hamilton Lewis, United States Senator from Illinois, who will be the principal speaker. Governor Elliott W. Major and Senators William J. Stone and James A. Reed will make short talks.

Tickets to the banquet will be sold at one dollar each. Application should be made to A. Z. Patterson, chairman of the ticket committee, immediately as the seating capacity of the Odd Fellows' hall in which the banquet is to be held is limited to 1,000 and many reservations have already been made. No special invitations are being issued, every Democrat who can come being invited to be here and take part in the state-wide pow-wow.

Senator Lewis is one of the great orators in the country and all who attend are assured of hearing an old-fashioned Democratic speech. The Commercial Club of Jefferson City, recognizing the renown of Senator Lewis and the importance of the occasion, has arranged for a non-partisan reception for the afternoon at the Madison hotel to the distinguished visitor.

Senator Lewis' train will be met by the Reception Committee which Governor Major is the Chairman and all State officers members, a brass band, all members of the General Assembly, all attaches of the various state departments, all visiting Democrats and all citizens of Jefferson City, willing to royally receive a National official and the distinguished visitor escorted to his hotel.

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The board also re-elected J. H. McDonald secretary; Miss Susie Thompson, matron and Mrs. E. E. Evans, Hermon Major and Z. T. Knight, physicians, all for terms of two years.

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## Stock Notes

Wesley Winn, of near Mexico, one of the thriving farmers and stockmen of Audrain county, was here visiting his sisters, Mrs. C. R. Craighead and Mrs. Wade Fewell, from Saturday until Monday. Mr. Winn was serving on the Audrain petit jury and came over to spend his off time. He was represented on the St. Louis market last week with 103 head of choice heifers of his own conditioning that weighed 724 pounds on the market and sold at \$7 per hundred.—Auravue Review.

Manuel Hill, who lives on the I. T. Pierce farm, east of Auravue, delivered a span of gray draft horses to John W. Brewer, at Mexico, Monday and returned home on the train. Mr. Hill would tell the price, but said it was a "small" one.—Auravue Review.

Washington, D. C., March 12.—A scheme for the organization of rural communities for both business and social purposes is worked out in an article which is to appear in the forthcoming Yearbook of the Department of Agriculture, and which has already been printed as a pamphlet for the use of the Department's Office of Markets and Rural Organization.

The scheme calls for ten committees, five of which are to deal with business needs, and five with social needs. Every member of the organization is to serve on some one of these committees. In addition, there is to be a central or executive committee composed of the President of the organization, its Secretary, its Treasurer, and the Chairman of the ten other committees. This central body is to direct the general policy of the organization. The committees that are to deal with the business interests of the community are as follows:

1. Committee on Farm Production.

2. Committee on Marketing.

3. Committee on Securing Farm Supplies.

4. Committee on Communication and Transportation.

Similarly, the five committees that attend to the community's social interests will deal with:

1. Education.

2. Sanitation.

3. Recreation.

4. Beautification.

5. Household Economics.

The work of most of these committees is indicated sufficiently by their titles; for example, the committee on production can do much good by improving the breeds of live stock in a community through co-operative purchases of pure-bred males. It can encourage the formation of corn, poultry, pig, cattle, canning and gardening clubs which have already demonstrated their value in the sections where they have been established; and it can carry on useful studies of the type of agriculture best fitted to local conditions.

In the same way, the committee on marketing can secure the standardization of the community's products and thus obtain better prices than are possible when nondescript goods are dumped upon the market. The committee can also search out the best markets, make contracts on a large scale which will be more favorable than any individual can secure for himself, and in many other ways economize in the selling of the community's goods. Even if co-operative marketing is not actually restored to the information which the committee collects can hardly fail to be of great assistance to the individual producer.

Just as the five business committees are to grapple with the fundamental problems of producing and selling in their various forms, the five social committees should direct their efforts to the improvement of living conditions in the country.

To increase the farmer's income is not the only thing needed to make rural life what it should be. As a matter of fact, says this article, it is the prosperous farmer who is more inclined to move to town than his less fortunate neighbor. Having enjoyed a competence he wishes to enjoy it, and there are five principal reasons which lead him to believe that he can do this better in the city: 1st, there are usually better facilities for educating his children; 2nd, the sanitary conditions are frequently much better in towns, and the time does not seem to be far distant when the cities will be actually more healthful than the country. Again, household conveniences such as hot and cold water, heating and lighting systems, etc., are more abundant in the towns and add greatly to the comfort of living. Finally, there is more opportunity for recreation in the city, and frequently, strange as it may appear, more to appeal to the sense of beauty that is inherent in practically every man.

Co-operation on the part of rural communities can do as much to alter these conditions as it can to increase the average cash income. The committees that have these matters in charge should, therefore, be regarded as quite as important as those which deal with business questions, and they should receive the same support from the entire community which they are endeavoring to benefit. The result will be a community spirit which, in its way, is capable of producing as valuable results as the national spirit. In fact, says the article in closing, "Patriotism, like charity, begins at home—that is, in the neighborhood."

THE Ledger is glad to know that the outlook for the success of the special horse sale to be held in Mexico early in April is unusually good. Inquiries are being received from all over the country. These sales bring buyers and sellers together and prove a benefit to all and are splendid advertisements for Mexico and Audrain County.

J. Pierce, two miles north of Auravue, paid \$565 for a good red milk cow at the Miller, Kemp & Kelick sale, south of Bachelor Tuesday.

## Sam Major, of Paris, was in this city, Thursday, to attend J. T. Johnson's sale.

J. Kelly Wright, lecturer for the State Board of Agriculture, will deliver a lecture on "Missouri" in the McMillan auditorium March 22, afternoon and evening. The lecture will be illustrated with stereoscopic views and there will be no admission charged.

Dan Quinlan bought a 125 acre farm 6 miles northeast of Mexico, Friday from Mrs. Jennie McIntire, of St. Louis. This is a good farm and was worth the money. Mr. Quinlan realizes the value of Audrain County land.

A number of out-of-town buyers and many from this vicinity attended Col. J. T. Johnson's annual sale at his farm, Colonial Hill, north of Mexico, Thursday. Col. Johnson had 81 head of high-class hybrids which brought very good prices. The Johnson mules are far-famed and buyers desiring the very best always attend this sale. Judge Alex Carter and A. D. Jackson were clerks and the auctioneers were: Col. J. A. Stewart, Columbia; J. G. Ford, Mexico; Seeley, Whitehall, Ill.; Willis H. Johnson, La Plata; J. N. Stephens, Martinsburg; J. R